

Grades 7th-12th Topic for 2014 Reel Art Competition is

Diadromous Fishes

Artwork **must include one of the Diadromous Fish Species listed below** in its habitat.

Diadromous fish species use both fresh and salt water for a part of their life cycle. Most of the species listed below live in the ocean and return to freshwater to spawn and American eels leave freshwater to spawn in the ocean.

You can learn more about diadromous fish species and how the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources manages these species at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/mrri/diadrofish/diadromousfish.html>.

Get creative! Choose one of these fishes and do your research to discover how these fishes live and what they eat.

Reminder, All artwork must depict one of the following fishes:

- American shad
- Hickory shad
- Blueback herring
- American eel
- Shortnose sturgeon
- Atlantic sturgeon
- Shortnose sturgeon
- Striped bass

Replicas of the winning artwork from these categories will be displayed at the [St. Stephen Fish Lift](#).

Here are some links that may help you learn more about your subject:

Freshwater Fish Identification Guide (contact aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov for hard copies)

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/pdf/FreshwaterFishPocketGuide.pdf>

Fish Identification Poster (contact aquaticed@dnr.sc.gov for hard copies)

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/pdf/fishchart.pdf>

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/freshwater.html>

www.enature.com

www.fishbase.org